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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Security Section, DPD

SUBJECT : Conversation with [] on 5 July Regarding Mr. John McCone, Former Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

REFERENCE : Memo to C/DPD/EO from ASST CH/DPD, dated 22 May 1961; Subject: "Conversation with [] 22 May 1961, re Mr. John McCone, Former Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission" (DPD 3213-61)

1. In connection with your recent reminder to me dated 29 June, I asked [] about the status of Mr. Dulles' views regarding the retention of Mr. McCone's clearances.

2. [] indicated that he had not had an opportunity to quiz the Director on this following my conversation with him covered by the reference, and now that the Director was away until approximately 10 July, he could not give me a reply. He did state that he would attempt to bring it up with the Director sometime after that date and let me know what the verdict was.

3. When I reminded [] of the fact that Mr. McCone's case seemed to be tied in with that of Admiral Strauss, he asked me if I would tell him whether Admiral Strauss had been in fact debriefed by us or anyone in CIA at the time he relinquished the Chairmanship to Mr. McCone. I told him I would try and get this information and have it for him by next Monday. In the meantime I see no other course but to suspend this question at least until the end of July.

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